(4) Formerly patels, shanbhogs, *totis*, *talaris* and *nirgantis* were being paid *masikanike* and *miras*. During the Survey Settlement, *potgi* was fixed for patels and shanbhogs, but *miras* was continued to *totis*, *talaris*, etc. The money value of *miras* which is required to be thus paid forms a good proportion of the kandayam payable to Government. The *miras* which was formerly paid to these is mentioned in the *Barabaluthi* register of 1864. As the present scale exceeds that of 1864, it is prayed that the scale of 1864 be adhered to.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 69.

Remuneration of *totis* and *talaris*.

Messrs. Channabasappa Gowda and Nadig Bhistappa, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Taluks re-settled by the Survey Department are yielding increased revenue to the State. It is therefore prayed that the remuneration of *totis* and *talaris* may be paid out of the increased revenues accruing from this source. The raiyats of the Sorab taluk petitioned the Superintendent of Revenue Survey during the revision settlement of the taluk that they could not pay the *Aya* due to these village servants, but the levy has not been abolished.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 68.

SUBJECT No. 70.

Appointment of *totis* and *talaris*.

Mr. Krishnappa, Koppa taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In none of the villages of the malnad taluks are *totis* and *talaris* appointed. This want has been a source of much inconvenience to the village officials in the proper discharge of their duties. It is prayed that they may be appointed soon.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 68.

SUBJECT No. 71.

Supervision of the restoration of minor tanks.

Messrs. B. Alasingrachar and Doddapayanna, Hassan taluk.

Summary of discussion.—We are highly thankful to Government for having sanctioned an increased allotment for carrying out repairs to minor tanks in the State. This work is being carried out by the Maramat department, under the control of the Deputy Commissioners. The existing establishment for supervising works is not as professional as it ought to be. It is prayed that one Sub-Assistant Engineer or Overseer for the whole district and one Sub-Overseer or Taluk Mestri for each taluk, may kindly be deputed to supervise such works.

NOTE.—Subjects Nos. 71 to 84 were taken up together and discussed at some length. The Dewan stated that in connection with the restoration and maintenance of minor tanks, it had been decided to constitute a Committee consisting of 6 gentlemen (3 official and 3 non-official D. R. A. members) to go into the question in detail and submit practical proposals. He mentioned that the Revenue Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Engineer and the Survey Superintendent would be the official members and requested

the Assembly to choose 3 of their members, 2 from the maidan districts and 1 from the malnad districts. The Assembly suggested Messrs. D. Venkatramiah of Bangalore and Girmaji Rao of Kolar for the maidan, and C. Srinivasa Rao for the malnad.

Reply of Government.—A Committee will be appointed to consider the question and submit proposals.

SUBJECT No. 72.

Block system of irrigation under the Marikanave channels.

Mr. Veeriah, Hiriyur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The lands under the Marikanave channels are divided into two parts—one-third of each survey number being allotted for wet cultivation and two-thirds for *thadi fasal*, irrespective of the area comprised in the survey number. The raiyats are however required to pay the wet assessment for the whole area. As even small survey numbers with an atchkat of only one acre are divided into two parts it is not possible to confine wet cultivation to one-third of the area and devote the rest to *thadi fasal*. It is therefore prayed that large survey numbers measuring more than five acres, may alone be subjected to the block system of irrigation. Assessment also should be lowered in the case of lands on which the *thadi fasal* is raised.

(*b*) Lands situated within two furlongs from the village limits may also be given water in order that *thadi fasal* may be raised.

(*c*) Lands not included within the area of the block system of irrigation, may also be given water for temporary *eksal* wet cultivation.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Special cases of difficulty and hardship may be brought to notice.

SUBJECT No. 73.

Major and minor tanks.

Messrs. (*a*) C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk, (*b*) and (*c*) Krishnappa and Chennakesava Rao, Koppa taluk, and (*d*) Santappasetty, Yedahalli sub-taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The distinction now made between major and minor tanks may be done away with and both classes of tanks treated alike.

(*b*) The Koppa taluk contains 14 major and 3,000 minor tanks. Most of them are silted up. A representation on the subject was made to the Dewan Sahib when he was at Koppa in March last. A reply has been received to the effect that the representation has been sent to the Revenue Commissioner for consideration. It is prayed that the present minor tanks may also be classed as major and their restoration ordered.

(*c*) Tanks with an atchkat of Rs. 100 and under in malnad may be classed as minor and those with an atchkat of above that sum as major.

(*d*) Silt clearing in the nalas and earthwork to tanks are done by the raiyats holding lands under them. As the holders of such lands are generally non-residents